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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, EG, US, IS
SUBJECT: REPORT OF POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION AT "MEDIAN LINE"

REF: STATE 020861

1. MOSHE RAVIV, DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN
MFA, SAYS THAT HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS INCIDENT
BUT THAT HE WOULD EXPECT ISRAELI FORCES TO STOP
GECO SHIP IF IT TRIED TO CROSS MEDIAN LINE. THIS HAS
BEEN ISRAELI POLICY FOR SOME TIME, RAVIV CONTINUED, AND
HAS NOT CHANGED. HE AGREED TO SEEK ADDITIONAL DETAILS
ON WHAT ACTUALLY OCCURRED AND TO ADVISE US.

2. COMMENT: THIS REPORT BEARS A STRONG RESEMBLENCE TO
THE INCIDENTS NEAR THE GULF OF SUEZ MEDIAN LINE IN MID-1976.
AT THAT TIME, THE ISRAELIS AGREED TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR
AMOCO OPERATIONS EAST OF THE MEDIAN LINE IF PRIOR GOI
APPROVAL WAS SOUGHT. SINCE THE GOE FOUND THIS PROCEDURE
UNACCEPTABLE, THE MATTER WAS DROPPED. THIS IS THE
FIRST OCCASION SINCE THEN, SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE,
THAT AMOCO HAS TRIED TO CROSS THE LINE. THE TIMING
OF THE ATTEMPTED CROSSING CAN HARDLY BE HELPFUL TO
THE PEACE PROCESS.

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